

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME;

Western Plant Breeders, Inc.

Cothereas, there has been presented to the

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED NOVEL VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF eighteen years from the date of this grant, subject to the payment of the required fees and periodic replenishment of viable basic seed of the variety in a public repository as provided by LAW, the right to exclude others from selling the variety, or offering it for sale, or reproducing it, importing it, or exporting it, or using it in producing a hybrid or different lety therefrom, to the extent provided by the Plant Variety Protection Act.

UNITED STATES SEED OF THIS VARIETY (1) SHALL BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY AS OF CERTIFIED SEED AND (2) SHALL CONFORM TO THE NUMBER OF GENERATIONS BY THE OWNER OF THE RIGHTS. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

DURUM WHEAT

'WestBred Laker'

my hand and caused the seal of the Plant
Variety Protection Office to be affixed
at the City of Washington, D. C.
this 31st day of August in
the year of our Lord one thousand nine
hundred and eighty-eight.

In Testimony Watereof, I have hereunto set

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Commissioner

Plant Variety Protection Office Agricultural Marketing Service Riland E. Lyng

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FORM WA-470 (7-84) (Edition of 3-84 is obsolete.)

14. WestBred Laker was selected from a three-way composite cross that was bulked in the F_4 generation as an F_3 derived line. The three-way composite cross was originated in 1978 by crossing Mexicali, WestBred 1000D and Calvin with the following CIMMYT and Italian lines: Gerardo V2512, Capiete, Quilafin, Majhrebi-2, Brant-3, Amal-72, Gerardo 512, Georgio 451, Georgio 533 and Georgio 631. In 1979, individual heads were selected from the resulting F_2 plants and were hand emasculated. The following lines were used as pollen sources for these hand emasculations because they produced strong mixograph curves: Gerardo 512, Gerardo 572, Gerardo 532, Edmore, WDE-8-12-8, WDE-8-16-9, and WDE-8-5-The ${\bf F}_1$ was grown in Conrad, Montana in the summer of 1979. From the F_2 grown in El Centro, California in 1980, selected heads were bulked and the resulting F_3 was grown in Conrad, Montana in the summer of 1980. Plant selections made from this bulk were planted as F_4 plots One plot designated as C881-4 was harvested in bulk and yield tested in 1982, 1983, 1984 and 1985. Two hundred heads were pulled in Bozeman, Montana in 1983 and were planted as head rows in Phoenix, Arizona in 1984. One hundred uniform, non-segregating rows were bulked together and were used to seed one acre of basic seed at Bozeman, Four acres of Foundation seed were produced in Montana in 1984. Phoenix, Arizona in 1985. No identifiable variants have been found during the multiplication process. WestBred Laker is a stable and uniform cultivar in agronomic appearance and performance across several generations and growing conditions. Agronomic data to support stability is presented in the tables.

- 14. B. WestBred Laker is a day length sensitive, semidwarf, spring durum wheat with an average height of 34.5 inches which is 3 inches taller than Lloyd but 9 inches shorter than Vic. WestBred Laker is most similar to Lloyd. WestBred Laker differs from Lloyd in that it is taller than Lloyd, it has a straight peduncle while Lloyd has a curved peduncle, it has a longer peduncle than Lloyd, it has 6 above-ground nodes while Lloyd only has 4 under Arizona growing conditions, it has higher spikelet fertility than Lloyd, it has less semolina pigmentation than Lloyd, and it has higher sedimentation values than Lloyd. The above comparisons along with the objective description (13C) show WestBred Laker to be a novel variety of spring durum wheat.
- 14. E. The applicant for plant variety protection of WestBred Laker is the employer of the breeder, Kim C. Shantz.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
LIVESTOCK, MEAT, GRAIN AND SEED DIVISION
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20785
OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
WHEAT (TRITICUM SPP.)

EXHIBIT C (Wheat)

INSTRUCTIONS: See Reverse. WHEAT (TRITICUM SPP.)	
NAME OF APPLICANT(S)	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
Western Plant Breeders, Inc.	PVPO NUMBER
ADDRESS (Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code)	
P.O. Box 1110	DESIGNATION
1918 W. Van Buren	8500218
Phoenix, Arizona 85001	200210
Place the appropriate number that describes the varietal character of this variety in the Place a zero in first box (e-8. 0 8 9 or 0 9) when number is either 99 or less or	boxes below. 9 or less.
1, KIND:	
2 1 = COMMON 2 = DURUM 3 = EMMER 4 = SPELT 5 = POLISH 6 = POUL	ARD 7 = CLUB
2. TYPE	
1 = SPRING 2 = WINTER 3 = OTHER (Specify) 2 = HARD	3 = OTHER (Specify)
3 1 = WHITE 2 = RED 3 = OTHER (Specify) Amber	
3. SEASON - NUMBER OF DAYS FROM EMERGENCE TO:	
6 0 FIRST FLOWERING 6 7 LAST	FLOWERING
4. MATURITY (50% Flowering):	
NO. OF DAYS EARLIER THAN	2 = SCOUT 3 = CHRIS
0 1 NO. OF DAYS LATER THAN	5 = NUGAINES 6 = LEEDS
5. PLANT HEIGHT (From soil level to top of head):	
7-4 87.6 cm. High	
CM. TALLER THAN	
	2 = SCOUT 3 = CHRIS
1 6 CM. SHORTER THAN	5 = NUGAINES 6 = LEEDS
6. PLANT COLOR AT BOOTING (See reverse): 7. ANTHER COLOR:	
	e t
2 I = YELLOW GREEN 2 = GREEN 3 = BLUE GREEN 1 = YELLOW	2 = PURPLE
8. STEM:	<u> </u>
1 Anthocyanin: 1 = ABSENT 2 = PRESENT 2 Waxy bloom: 1 =	ABSENT 2 = PRESENT
2 Hairiness of last internode of rachis: 1 = ABSENT 2 = PRESENT 1 Internodes: 1 = 1	HOLLOW 2 = SOLID
0 6 NO. OF NODES (Originating from node above ground) 2 0 CM. INTERI	NODE LENGTH BETWEEN FLAG LEAF BELOW
AURICLES:	
1 Anthocyanin: 1 = ABSENT 2 = PRESENT 1 Hairiness: 1 = A	BSENT 2 = PRESENT
0. LEAF:	
Flag leaf at 1 = ERECT 2 = RECURVED 1 booting stage: 3 = OTHER (Specify): 1 Flag leaf: 1 = No.	OT TWISTED 2 = TWISTED
1 Hairs of first leaf sheath: 1 = ABSENT 2 = PRESENT 2 Waxy bloom of fla	g leaf sheath: 1 = ABSENT 2 = PRESENT
1 2 MM. LEAF WIDTH (First loaf below flag loaf) 2 1 CM. LEAF L	ENGTH (First leaf below flag leaf):

11. HEAD:			
Density: 1 = LAX	2 = DENSE	121 .	NG 2 = STRAP 3 = CLAVATE Specify)
4 Awnedness: 1 = AWN	LESS 2 = APICALLY AWNLETED 3	= AWNLETED 4 = AWNEO	
Color at maturity: 5 =	= WHITE		
0 6 CM. LENGTH	taria de la tropia de la lagrada. Se la companya de la	1 3 MM. WIDTH	
	(CA. 7 mm.) 2 = MEDIUM (CA. 8 mm.) CA. 9 mm.)	2 Width: 1 = NARROW 3 = WIDE (CA	(CA. 3 mm.) 2 = MEDIUM (CA. 3.5 mm.) 4 mm.)
Shoulder 1 = WANT! shape: 4 = SQUAR	NG 2 = OBLIQUE 3 = ROUNDED E 5 = ELEVATED 6 = APICULATE	3 Beak: 1=OBTUSE	2 = ACUTE 3 = ACUMINATE
13. COLEOPTILE COLOR:		14. SEEDLING ANTHOCYA	MIN:
1 1 = WHITE 2 = RE	D 3 = PURPLE	1 1 = ABSENT 2	= PRESENT
15. JUVENILE PLANT GRO	OWTH HABIT:		
3 I = PROSTRATE	2 = SEMI-ERECT 3 = ERECT	r	
16. SEED:			
Shaper 1 = OVATE	2 = OVAL 3 = ELLIPTICAL	1 Cheek: = ROUNDE	D 2 = ANGULAR
			LLARED 2 = COLLARED
Brush: 1 = SHORT	2 = MEDIUM 3 = LONG	T plasu: 1 = MO1 CO	ELARED 2 - COLLARED
Phenol reaction (See instructions):	1 = IVORY 2 = FAWN 3 = LT. BROWN 4 = BROWN 5 = BLACK		
2 Color: 1 = WHITE	2 = AMBER 3 = RED 4 = PURPLE	5 = OTHER (Specify)	
0 8 MM. LENGTH	0 3 мм. wloth	4 2 GM. PER 1000 S	EEDS
17. SEED CREASE:			
1 Width:] = 60% OR L	ESS OF KERNEL 'WINOKA'	111	LESS OF KERNEL 'SCOUT'
2 = 80% OR LE	SS OF KERNEL 'CHRIS'	Z = 35% OR	LESS OF KERNEL 'CHRIS'
	S WIDE AS KERNEL 'LEMHI'	3 = 50% OR	LESS OF KERNEL 'LEMHI'
Z (Races) 15 (OSH) LEAF RUST Natural (Races) North Dakota	STRIPE RUST Mont	iral o Loose smut
0 POWDERY MILDEW	TNM) 0 BUNT	2 OTHER (Specify) To	n Spot
19. INSECT: (0 = Not Teste	d, 1 = Susceptible, 2 = Resistant)		
0 SAWFLY	0 APHID (Bydv.)	O GREEN BUG	0 CEREAL LEAF BEETLE
OTHER (Specify)	HESSIAN FLY	0 GP 0 A	0 в 0 с
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	TY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SE		NAME OF VARIETY
CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY	CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY
Plant tillering	Mexicali	Seed size	Lloyd
Leaf size	WestBred 881	Seed shape	WestBred 881
Leaf color	WestBred 881	Coleoptile elongation	WestBred 881 WestBred 881
Leaf carriage	WestBred 881	Seedling pigmentation	WestBred 881
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- (a) L.W. Briggle and L. P. Reitz, 1963, Classification of Triticum Species Bulletin 1278, United States Department of Agriculture.
- (b) W.E. Walls, 1965, A Standardized Phenol Method for Testing Wheat Seeds for Varietal Purity, conscious No. 28 to the seed testing prepared by the Association of Official Seed Analysts. (Sociation Method)

LEAF COLOR: Nickerson's or any recognized color fan should be used to determine the leaf color of the described variety.

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TABLE II

Plant height (inches) of WestBred Laker and presently grown varieties in Western Plant Breeders' trials.

Location	<u>Year</u>	WestBred <u>Laker</u>	Vic	Lloyd	<u>Cando</u>	WestBred 803	<u>Waid</u>
Fargo, ND	1982 1983 1984 1985	31 34 34 36	37 38 41 44	 29 32	25 33 30 30	 	
Bozeman, MT	1983 1984	36 34	43 46	 30	32	29 30	33 33
Yakima, WA	1984 1985	34 38	47 50	30 33	 :	33 31	32 37
Burley, ID	1984 1985	36 32	48 45	34 32		31 30	30 32

TABLE III

Days to heding of WestBred Laker and prsently grown varieties in the 1984 Uniform Regional Durum Nursery.

Location	WestBred Laker	<u> Ŷŧċ</u>	Lloyd	Cando
Langdon, ND	58	57	59	58
Minot, ND	68	68	71	70
Williston, ND	58	57	59	59
Carrington, ND	56	53	58	57
Dickinson, ND	60	60	63	62
Prosper, ND	64	62	66	65
Morris, MN	67	65	67	67
Crookston, MN	58	57	58	58
Selby, SD	65	62	63	65
Day County, SD	66	65	66	66
Bozeman, MT	77	75	77	76
Sidney, MT	69	68	70	70

TABLE IV

Percent protein of WestBred Laker and presently grown varieties in Western Plant Breeders' trials.

Location	Year	WestBred <u>Laker</u>	<u> Vič</u>	Lloyd	Cando	WestBred <u>803</u>	WestBred 881	Waid
Fargo, ND	1982 1983 1984	14.3 13.7 11.5	13.9 15.0 12.3	 11.0	13.6 14.5 11.0		 	
Bozeman, MT	1983 1984	13.6 13.4	14.6 15.0	13.2	14.8	14.2 12.4	15.2 14.3	14.0 13.9
Moses Lake, WA	1983 1984	11.2 14.1	13.8 14.1	 13.4	12.9	10.9 13.9	13.0 15.7	13.9 15.2
Burley, ID	1983 1984	12.1 14.1	13.9 13.9	14.0	11.2	12.7 12.8	14.6 14.6	13.7 13.7

TABLE VI

Sedimentation values in millimeters of WestBred Laker and presently grown varieties in Western Plant Breeders' trials.

Location	Year	WestBred <u>Laker</u>	Vic	<u>L1oyd</u>	WestBred <u>881</u>	WestBred 803	<u>Waid</u>	Cando
Fargo, ND	1984	44	34	37				31
Bozeman, MT	1984	39	44	39	47	43	23	
Yakima, WA	1984	50	46	43	61	57	45	
Phoenix, AZ	1985	32		27	30			
El Centro, CA	1985	30		26	34			
Casa Grande, AZ	1985	30		26	28			

TABLE VII*

Semolina color of WestBred Laker and presently grown varieties in Western Plant Breeders' trials.

Location	Year	WestBred Laker	<u>Vic</u>	Lloyd	<u>Waid</u>	WestBred 881	Cando
Fargo, ND	1983 1984	2.0 3.0	1.0 2.0	2.0	- -	-	1.0 2.0
Moses Lake, WA	1983	3.0	2.0	- '	3.0	1.0	-
Bozeman, MT	1983 1984	3.0 2.0	2.0 2.0	2.0	2.0 3.0	1.0 2.0+	<u>-</u>
Yakima, WA	1984	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0+	-
Phoenix, AZ	1985	1.5		1.0		1.0	
El Centro, CA	1985	1.5		1.0		1.0	
Casa Grande, AZ	1985	1.5		1.0		1.0	

^{*}Subjective visual rating with 1 = bright yellow color and 5 = dull, faint yellow color.

TABLE VIII*

Stem rust resistance of WestBred Laker and presently grown varieties in Western Plant Breeders' trials.

Location	<u>Year</u>	WestBred <u>Laker</u>	Vic	Cando	<u> </u>
Fargo, ND	1982	0	0	0	8
	1983	1	0	1	9
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^{*0} = None 9 = Highly susceptible

TABLE IX

Leaf rust resistnace of WestBred Laker and presently grown varieties in Western Plant Breeders' trials.

Location	<u>Year</u>	WestBred <u>Laker</u>	Vic	Cando	<u>C881-31</u>	<u>C881-44</u>
Brookings, SD	1982	1R	1R	2R	5R	
	1983	0	0	0		48

TABLE X*

Tan spot resistance of WestBred Laker and presently grown varieties in Western Plant Breeders' trials.

Location	<u>Year</u>	WestBred Laker	Vic	Cando	Calvin	Ĺloyd
Fargo, ND	1982	1.0	2.0		2.5	
	1983	5.0	4.0	3.0	5.0	
	1984	4.5	3.5	6.0		8.0
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^{*0 =} Zero incidnece

^{9 =} Very severe incidence

TABLE XI

t-Test comparison of $\bar{\chi}$ peduncle length of WestBred Laker and Lloyd at Bozeman, Montana.

$$\chi$$
 WestBred Laker = 32.3 cm

$$\chi$$
 Lloyd = 28.6 cm

t with 18 df =
$$\frac{3.7}{.872}$$
 = 4.24***

***Significant at .001 level

Lloyd
27 cm
27
30
26
26
32
31
30
28
29

TABLE XII

t-Test comparison of $\bar{\chi}$ number of kernels/spikelet of WestBred Laker and Lloyd at Bozeman, Montana.

t with 18 df = $\frac{.67}{.1384}$ = 4.841***

***Significant at .001 level

WestBred Laker*	Lloyd*
3.3	2.3
3.0	2.5
2.9	2.3
2.8	2.4
3.0	2.3
3.1	2.2
3.0	2.3
3.2	2.4
3.4	2.6
2.8	2.5

^{*}Average number of kernels/spikelet on one head.

STATE OF ARIZONA)
) ss.
County of Maricopa)

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WESTERN PLANT BREEDERS, INC., an Arizona corporation (a/k/a WESTERN PLANT BREEDERS), having its principal place of business at Phoenix, Arizona, has applied for a Certificate of Protection which is pending in the Plant Variety Protection Office of the Secretary of Agriculture with respect to the following plant variety:

WestBred Laker

Durum Wheat

WHEREAS, WPB ACQUISITION INC., a Maryland corporation, having its principal place of business in Hayward, California, is desirous of acquiring said plant variety and the application for said Plant Variety Protection Certificate;

WHEREAS, WESTERN PLANT BREEDERS, INC. states that it has title to the above Certificate and that this transfer does not violate any applicable ruling or order of any court or agency of competent jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, WESTERN PLANT BREEDERS, INC. does hereby assign and set over to WPB ACQUISITION INC., all of the right, title and interest of WESTERN PLANT BREEDERS, INC., in and to the variety of durum wheat named:

"WestBred Laker"

together with all goodwill associated with that variety and that name, and together with all rights under and to that application for a Certificate of Plant Variety Protection, dated September 24, 1985, currently pending in the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States of America.

WESTERN PLANT BREEDERS, INC.

Albert E. Carleton, President

On this 30th day of September, 1985, before me, appeared Albert E. Carleton, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that he is the President of WESTERN PLANT BREEDERS, INC., an Arizona corporation, and that the foregoing Assignment is on behalf of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal at my office in Phoenix, Arizona the day and year last above written.

John Bate sky ponne M. Smith Notary Public

My commission expires:

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December 5, 1985

Dr. Kenneth H. Evans Commissioner Plant Variety Protection Office United States Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Library Building Beltsville, Maryland 20705

Re: PVP Assignments

Dear Dr. Evans:

This letter is in response to your letter to Peter Lyons of November 8, 1985 (a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience). The name and address of the new owner of certain PVP Applications and Certificates assigned by Western Plant Breeders, Inc. (an Arizona corporation) to WPB Acquisition Inc. a (Maryland corporation) are as follows:

Western Plant Breeders, Inc. (a Maryland corporation) (formerly WPB Acquisition Inc.) 1918 West Van Buren P. O. Box 1110 Phoenix, AZ 85001

Attention: Mr. Robert Huntington

The applicant representatives to be contacted during the processing of the applications remain the same as named in each application at the time of filing.

For your information, the following events have occurred: Western Plant Breeders, Inc. (an Arizona corporation) assigned certain PVP Applications and

Certificates to WPB Acquisition Inc. (a Maryland corporation) on September 30, 1985. Subsequently, WPB Acquisition Inc. changed its name to Western Plant Breeders, Inc. (a Maryland corporation). For publication purposes, the registered owner of the assigned Applications and Certificates is Western Plant Breeders, Inc. (a Maryland corporation), even though the applications and certificates are in the name of "WPB Acquisition Inc."

Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Very truly yours,

John D. Hart

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Robert Huntington Peter D. Lyons, Esq.